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WE ASSUME FROM REF B THAT SINGAPORE GOVT ALREADY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO JOINT EXERCISES INVOLVING US CARRIERS TRANSITING SINGAPORE AND MALACCA STRAITS. IF THESE EXERCISES CARRIED OUT IN CONTEXT OF FPDA AND INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE COMMAND (IADC) WE CAN SEE NO OBJECTIONS FROM MALAYSIAN STANDPOINT, SINCE THIS WOULD INVOLVE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES INCLUDING GOM. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT GOM WOULD AGREE TO EXERCISES INVOLVING FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE OF FPDA OR ASEAN GOVTS BECAUSE OF: A) ITS ADHERENCE TO ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, B) ITS PROFESSED NON-ALIGNMENT, C) ITS SENSITIVITY TO TRANSITS OF ITS CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS BY FOREIGN WARSHIPS, AND D) ITS CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITY BY THE SUPER POWERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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